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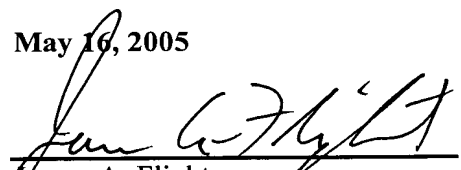
For: METHODS FOR FORMING A
GATE IN A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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LETTER

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Sir:

The USPTO issued a notice of allowability on December 17, 2004. That notice required the submission of new formal drawings adding prior art legends to Figures 1A and 1B. The notice of allowability did not include the notice of allowance and issue fee due form.

In response to the notice of allowability of December 17, 2004, the applicants submitted the revised formal drawings on March 16, 2005. The applicants also completed an issue fee transmittal (PTOL-85) form and paid the issue fee and publication fee on that same day. Copies of the stamped post cards identifying the USPTO's receipt of these documents are attached hereto as Appendices A & B. Receipt of those documents are reflected in the USPTO's on-line records.

On April 27, 2005, the USPTO issued a notice of allowance and issue fee due form. Because this fee was already received by the USPTO, this notice was mailed in error. The notice of allowance

of April 27, 2005 included what appears to be a copy of the notice of allowability of December 17, 2004. That notice of allowability requires the submission of corrected formal drawings. However, as noted above, the required corrected formal drawings were submitted in response to the first copy of the notice of allowability and are already reflected in the file.

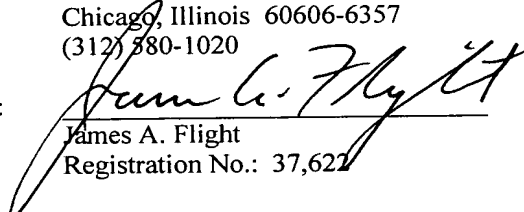
In view of the foregoing, no further action or fee is required from the applicants. Accordingly, the Office is respectfully requested to issue this application as soon as possible without further delay.

In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that the Office has further delayed this case with the issuance of the erroneous notice of allowance. Accordingly, the patent term should be adjusted to correct for this unnecessary delay occasioned by the USPTO's erroneous and duplicative efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A



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Transmittal of formal drawings (1 sheet)

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APPENDIX B



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